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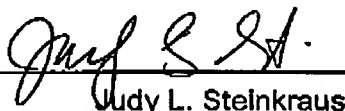
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL****PATENT**Application No.: 09/997,375Filing Date: 11/30/2001First Named Inventor: Chow et al.Examiner's Name: Tran, Thien D.Art Unit: 2665Attorney Docket No.: 4906.P031

- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
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- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
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OF:APPLICATION 09/997,375  
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FILED: 11/30/2001

TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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BETWEEN NETWORK ELEMENT  
DATA PROCESSING UNITS

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, in connection with the above  
referenced patent application, reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks  
is respectfully requested.

Listing of claims as amended begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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